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Old Marion Hospital
Marion
private

1905
~~ca. 1900~~

The Old Marion Hospital, also known as Parson's Store, is a pivotal commercial building marking the southwest corner of the Marion crossroads. The two-story frame structure dates from the liveliest period of Marion's business history (1880^s to 1920^s). The building was used as the first Somerset County hospital between 1908 to 1917. An entry in Crisfield Times, published on April 3, 1909, states,

The new hospital at Marion, to be known as the Somerset Hospital, is now complete and ready for patients. It is an up-to-date hospital, thoroughly equipped with all the latest improvements. The hospital is prepared to take care of thirty patients at a time. It has eight rooms besides four large wards. The operating room is worthy of special notice; it has been said by those who know, that it is one of the most thoroughly equipped rooms on the peninsula.

The building later became the Parson's Store, named for George Earl Parson, who bought the property in March of 1940 and sold it thirty-seven years later.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. S-264

Magi No. 2002645711

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Old Marion Hospital, Parson's Store

and/or common

2. Location

street & number SW corner of Marion intersection Crisfield-Marion Road (MD 667) & MD 413
not for publication

city, town Marion vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Edgar T. Benton, Jr.

street & number telephone no.:

city, town Marion state and zip code Maryland 21838

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court liber I.T.P. 340

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio 22

city, town Princess Anne state MD 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Old Marion Hospital stands on the southwest corner of the Marion intersection of MD 667 and MD 357 in Somerset County. The squarish two-story four-bay by three-bay frame structure faces southeast with the main gable running on a southeast/north-west axis.

The c. 1900 weatherboard frame building is supported by a minimal foundation and is partially covered by imitation brick asphalt shingles. The front gable has exposed weatherboards. The steeply pitched roof is covered by a layer of asphalt shingles, and a narrow stuccoed brick stove stack rises from the center of the structure.

The southeast (main) facade is largely covered by a two-story hip roofed porch. Four round metal posts support the partially enclosed second floor. Under the porch the first floor recessed commercial front has been covered with a variety of modern materials, including particle board and plywood. The second floor door and window openings have been boarded up. The gable front above the porch is pierced by a paired window opening which is also covered over.

The northeast (side) elevation is covered with imitation brick sheathing and pierced by three boarded-over second floor windows.

The northwest (rear) elevation is comprised of an asymmetrical arrangement of window openings. Four blocked window openings pierce the second floor.

The southwest elevation is partially covered by a single-story shed addition. Standing directly south of the shed is another store building.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates**Builder/Architect**check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/orApplicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ GLevel of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Old Marion Hospital, also known as Parson's Store, is a pivotal commercial building marking the Southwest corner of the Marion crossroads. The two-story frame structure dates from the livliest period of Marion's business history. (1880s-1920s). The building is reported to have been used for the first Somerset County Hospital between 1908 and 1917. It later became Parson's Store, named for George Earl Parson, who bought the property in March of 1940 and sold it thirty-seven years later. Architecturally, this structure is marginally significance with local importance as a pivotal turn-of-the-century frame store that marks the crossroads of Marion.

Its historical significance as the first Somerset hospital distinguishes it among other remodeled commercial structures in the village.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name MarionQuadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting NorthingC

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

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CHAIN OF TITLE

Marion Hospital

I.T.P. 340/22

Cynthia L. Wilson

to

9/14/1903

Edgar T. Benton Jr.
Marshall Killmon

I.T.P. 296/636

Terry H. Godwin, State of Virginia

to

9/27/1926

Cynthia L. Wilson

I.T.P. 276/700

Wade A. Howard

to

11/5/1976

Terry H. Godwin

I.T.P. 239/458

George Earl Parson

to

7/3/1967

Wade A. Howard
Terry H. Godwin

B.L.B. 1/6/510

Bank of Crisfield

to

3/11/1940

George Earl Parson

\$2,000 "and is part of the real estate and premises conveyed to John C. Horsey from Henry J. Waters, Trustee dated 5/15/1924 W.J.S. 90/434

J.M.T. 102/284

Luther Daugherty, Sheriff

to

4/16/1932

Bank of Crisfield

W.J.S. 90/434

Henry J. Waters, Trustee

to

5/15/1924

John C. Horsey

Whereas by a decree of Circuit Court in Equity dated 11/12/1921

Marion E. Handy - complainant

Being No.3510 Chancery Docket containing one eighth of an acre of land and improved by a store house and other buildings, and being part of the real estate of which Mollie E. Beauchamp died seized and possessed, and being the same real estate which was devised by said Mollie E. Beauchamp in the fifth item of her last will and testament. Dated 7/20/1920 Will Book LR 32/194 (Husband Washington Beauchamp)

Fifth Item: All that strip of land between the railroad and the county road including store house, Post Office buildings and one small building and two hundred dollars to be given to my sister Marion E. Handy.

Washington Beauchamp's Will -

- Woodrow T. Wilson - Marion Hospital - "First hospital in Somerset County - operated between 1908 - 1917 - later - Parson's Store.



Old Marion Hospital S-264
Northeast Elevation
Marion, Somerset County
10/84, Paul Touart, Photographer
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